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**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected in ~~order~~ to enable communication, said apparatus comprising:

a storage section which receives and stores application data  
5 from at least one of the computers together with user identification information for identifying a user of ~~a~~ the computer; together with printing information from said computer;

a sheet counter section which prepares page information from  
10 said printing information application data; and

a controller section which controls the apparatus to print said user identification information and the page information on a back surface of a printed sheet;

wherein the page information is printed on the back surface  
15 of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet.

2. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a setting section which stores setting information for setting whether or not to print said page information and said  
5 user identification information received from said network,

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wherein the controller section judges whether or not the page information and the user identification information are to be printed on the back surface of the sheet based on the setting information stored in said setting section.

3. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sheet counter section uses the number of printed sheets as ~~a~~ the total number of pages number ~~and prepares the page information, when the printing information application data~~ is printed on both sides of the sheet.

4. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said page ~~information~~ page number of the printed sheet Y is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

5. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said page ~~information~~ page number of the printed sheet Y is prepared by subtraction from the total number of pages number in order of the discharged sheets.

6. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said controller section prints~~ the

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page information and the user identification information are printed on an edge of the sheet opposite to a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged.

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected ~~in order~~ to enable communication, said apparatus comprising:

a storage section which receives and stores ~~printing information~~ application data from at least one of the computer computers;

a sheet counter section which prepares page information from said ~~printing information~~ application data;

an identification information storage section which stores respective identification information applied to ~~said~~ each stored ~~printing information~~ application data; and

a controller section which controls the apparatus to print the identification information applied to said ~~printing information~~ application data together with said page information on a back surface of a printed sheet;

wherein the page information is printed on the back surface of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet.

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8. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

a setting section which stores setting information for setting whether or not to print said page information received from said network,

wherein the controller section judges whether or not the page information and said identification information are to be printed on the back surface of the sheet based on the setting information stored in said setting section.

9. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said sheet counter section uses the number of printed sheets as a the total number of pages number and ~~prepares the page information,~~ when the ~~printing information application data~~ is printed on both sides of the sheet.

10. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said page ~~information~~ page number of the printed sheet Y is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

11. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said page ~~information~~ page number

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of the printed sheet Y is prepared by subtraction from the total number of pages number in order of the discharged sheets.

12. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein ~~said controller section prints~~ the page information and the user identification information are printed on an edge of the sheet opposite to a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected ~~in order~~ to enable communication, said method comprising:

5       receiving and storing application data from at least one of the computers together with user identification information for identifying a user of the computer; ~~together with printing information from the computer;~~

10       preparing page information from said ~~printing information~~ application data by a sheet counter section; and

      printing said user identification information and said page information on a back surface of a printed sheet;

15       wherein the page information is printed on the back surface of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet.

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14. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising a judging whether or not said page information and the user identification information are to be printed based on ~~information~~  
5 ~~of a setting section which stores setting information, stored in~~  
~~a setting section,~~ for setting whether or not to print said page information and said user identification information received from said network.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said sheet counter section uses the number of printed sheets as ~~a the total~~  
~~number of~~ pages number and ~~prepares the page information,~~ when  
5 the ~~printing information~~ application data is printed on both sides of the sheet.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said page ~~information~~ page number of the printed sheet Y is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said page

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~~information page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by subtraction from the total number of pages number in order of the discharged sheets.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein ~~a printing~~ the page information and the user identification information are printed on an edge of the sheet opposite to a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected in order to enable communication, comprising:

5        receiving and storing ~~printing information~~ application data from at least one of the computer computers;

         preparing page information from said ~~printing information~~ application data by a sheet counter section;

         applying respective identification information to said each  
10 stored ~~printing information~~ application data from an identification information storage section which stores the identification information; and

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printing the identification information applied to said ~~each~~  
~~printing information application data~~ together with said page  
15 information on a back surface of a printed sheet;

wherein the page information is printed on the back surface  
of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in  
a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image  
forming apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a  
judging whether or not said page information and the user  
identification information are to be printed based on ~~information~~  
5 ~~of a setting section which stores~~ setting information, stored in  
a setting section, for setting whether or not to print said page  
information and said user identification information received  
from said network.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image  
forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said sheet  
counter section uses the number of printed sheets as ~~a~~ the total  
number of pages number and ~~prepares the page information,~~ when  
5 the ~~printing information application data~~ is printed on both  
sides of the sheet.



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22. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said page ~~information~~ page number of the printed sheet Y is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said page ~~information~~ page number of the printed sheet Y is prepared by subtraction from the total number of pages ~~number~~ in order of the discharged sheets.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein ~~a printing~~ the page information and the identification information are printed on an edge of the sheet opposite to a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged.